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Mr. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor Minerals Reclamation Program Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 PO Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Subject:

Request for Extension of the Submittal Deadline for the Second Draft of the 1998 Update of the Reclamation Plan for DOGM Permit# M/035/002 and the June 2000 Bingham Canyon Mine Water Management Plan for Groundwater Discharge Permit # UGW350010

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation (Kennecott) requests that the submittal deadline for the second draft of the combined 1998 Update of the Reclamation Plan for Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Permit # M/035/002 and the June 2000 Bingham Canyon Mine Water Management Plan for Groundwater Discharge Permit # UGW350010 be delayed by an additional three months. The new submittal date would then be on or before February 12, 2002.

This extension is requested to allow time for the Southend-Plume Groundwater Preliminary Remedial Design to be completed in January 2002. Many of the water management issues that must be addressed by the combined Reclamation and Water Management Plan are dependent upon the treatment options selected in the Remedial Design.

In order to avoid unnecessary delays in the review process, Kennecott intends to submit information that is not directly dependent upon the Remedial Design according to the original schedule. The following information will be provided on or before November 12, 2002:

- 1) A detailed outline of the combined Bingham Canyon Mine Reclamation and Water Management Plan.
- 2) Detailed written responses to the DOGM and DWQ comments listed in your letter dated February 9, 2001.

3) Redlined text of the revised section 4.0 - Mine Waste Rock Disposal Area. This section will address reclamation issues on the waste rock disposal areas and will include maps showing dump surface geochemistry data and planned reclamation activities.

Rich Borden of my staff discussed this issue with you on 10/17/01 and with Dan Hall of DWQ on 10/16/01. If you have any questions or comments about this request please give me a call at 569-7553 or Rich Borden at 569-7141.

Sincerely,

William J. Adams

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Cc: Don Ostler, DWQ